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For (Title): PREPARATION OF LACTIC ACID FROM A PENTOSE-CONTAINING SUBSTRATE

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- ☐ Formal drawings (Figs. ____; ____ sheets) are attached.
☐ Use Figure ____ for front page of Publication.
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
☒ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/439,469 filed January 13, 2003.
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
☒ This patent application is assigned to PURAC BIOCHEM BV.
☒ The prior application is assigned of record to PURAC BIOCHEM BV and recorded at Reel 013465, Frame 0382.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
☐ Priority of foreign application(s) No. ____ filed ____ in ____ is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.
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